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Mr. John M. Ryan
Chief of Maintenance and Operations
Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago
100 E. Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: NU-EARTH Public Distribution Sites (1974-1978)

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The firm of Ecology and Environment, Inc. has been retained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under contract 68-01-6692 for the purpose of evaluating candidate sites for the National Priorities List under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as Superfund. As part of our evaluation, the U.S. EPA has asked us to perform on-site inspections of the following former public distribution centers for NU-EARTH:

1. Harlem Avenue Dump
2. Lawndale Avenue Site
3. Lombard and 39th Street
4. Calumet NU-EARTH Distribution Center
5. Skokie NU-EARTH Distribution Center
6. Fischer Farm (Hanover Park)

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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We are concerned only with the former public distribution sites and not other treatment plant operations at these locations.

I spoke with Mr. Bill Potocek last Monday and he suggested that I coordinate the inspections through you and include the following list of specific information that I am seeking:

1. Average quantity of NU-EARTH present while site was in operation or amount removed when site was closed.
2. Size of distribution sites.
3. Laboratory results from any sampling conducted of NU-EARTH or surrounding soil at the distribution sites.
4. Laboratory results from sampling of NU-EARTH at the Harlem Avenue Site.
5. Containment and security measures at distribution sites (fencing, liners, berms, diking or other diversion structures).

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6. Is it possible for E & E personnel to obtain soil samples from the distribution sites?
7. Descriptions of the hydrogeology in the vicinity of the former distribution sites.
8. Current site status.

Enclosed is a copy of the Site Inspection Report Form which is completed following an inspection and a copy of the Letter of Introduction provided by the U.S. EPA for Ecology and Environment employees engaged in field investigation work, which outlines the statutory basis for such inspections.

I will call you next week to arrange a convenient date for the site inspections and answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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